

Executive Director
Regions, Industry and Key Sites
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Attn: Anthea Sargent


Dear Anthea.


On 3 September, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment representatives, Tristan Kell, Melissa Halloran and Donna Lantavos met with Uncle James Ingram and me, Mark Saddler, to discuss the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct and the issues and opportunities for Wiradjuri land and its people.

We support the formation of the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct and have the following comments, observations and requests to express and be taken into consideration:

- We want to see cultural immersion from the start, for all aspects/stages of the SAP and also cultural awareness programs to be delivered to all contractors and contract managers :
 - The Development Corporation as they begin to work through the Delivery Plan
 - People engaged during development/construction
 - Business owners
 - Business employees
- Cultural awareness training is critical to cultural immersion and would like to see a cultural awareness induction for staff who are developing the sites
- Have found there to be a lack of continuity in cultural awareness for previous/current projects within Bomen, when new people get involved in projects cultural awareness training is lost or not thought of
- Would like to see incorporation of Aboriginal design in the Precinct e.g. design of built form/landscaping reflecting things of importance (goannas/symbols for meeting places), possibly observed from aerial view. Would be good to be able to look over from the Axe Quarry and see the design.
- Would like to see Acknowledgement of Country within office complexes and in design work throughout the Precinct. This will be important within any key hub/s developed within the Precinct.
- Would like to see provisions for local Wiradjuri businesses and workers built into the planning controls for the Precinct.
- Local plantings should be emphasised, there is a Wiradjuri plant book that may help with this. There are 2 Wiradjuri landscaping firms, it would be good to ensure these firms are listed as part of the preferred contractors.
- No existing Wagga Wiradjuri employment strategy; mechanisms should be incorporated into controls for the Precinct.
- Councils Reconciliation Action Plan is supported and should be used for the Precinct.
- Water, plains, ridgelines – important places to be avoided where possible. Preserving the groundwater and valley in the east is supported, therefore additional development to north is logical.
- Some vehicles currently head down Windmill Rd which isn't safe and should be deterred.
- The land to the north of Trahairs Rd proposed for extension of industrial zoning needs to be surveyed culturally appropriately.
- Dreaming site recently found in the western part of the Precinct, overlooks Bulamiimi and has now been entered into AHIMS app.

We welcome continuing working with the Department of Planning and the Development Corporation to embed Wiradjuri design, culture and employment into the Precinct.

Signed 
Uncle James Ingram
Wiradjuri Elder

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Mark Saddler,
Senior Wiradjuri Man
&
Bundy Cultural Tours,
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